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**FEDERAL AUTHORITIES MAKE ARRESTS IN COUNTERFEIT MONEY RING**

(San Antonio, TX) **Robert "Bobby" Casillas, Jacob Martinez, Lorenzo Martinez and Crystal Mascorro**, all of San Antonio, Texas, remain in federal custody following their initial appearance this morning on charges of producing and/or passing thousands of dollars in counterfeit money.

Late yesterday afternoon, federal agents arrested **Casillas** and both **Martinezes** at a San Antonio restaurant. According to the criminal complaint filed in this case, the defendants planned to purchase an Uzi sub machine gun and Mac 10 firearm using the counterfeit money they had produced. After the arrests, federal agents executed a search warrant at a San Antonio motel room where the counterfeiting operation was being conducted. Upon searching the motel room, agents found 36 uncut sheets of counterfeit twenty dollar bills, a scanner, fax machine, printer and color print cartridges as well as three genuine twenty dollar bills which are believed to have been used in the counterfeit production process. Agents arrested **Crystal Mascorro** in the hotel room. Mascorro, who admitted to living in the motel room where the counterfeit operation was being conducted, was found in possession of counterfeit money.

"While the Secret Service will vigorously investigate all counterfeit money operations, this investigation was particularly important to us because the defendants were attempting to purchase automatic weapons. In this case we were able to prevent future criminal activity while at the same time put an end to a counterfeit money operation," stated **Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Secret Service W. Dennis Maez**.

If convicted, **Jacob Martinez** and **Robert Casillas** face a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine on charges of producing and passing counterfeit money. Both **Lorenzo Martinez** and **Crystal Mascorro** face a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine - **Martinez** for passing counterfeit money and **Mascorro** for producing counterfeit money. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tom Moore.

These arrests are the result of a combined effort between the U.S. Secret Service, The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the San Antonio Police Department.

**An arrest and criminal complaint are formal accusations of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.**

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